

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft ~~characterised~~ characterized by canard configuration, ~~having comprising~~ comprising a canard forewing and a main wing, wherein the canard forewing ~~has a substantial~~ comprises an inner portion with a dihedral configuration and an outer portion, the inner portion being disposed at a first angle of inclination from a vertical axis, the outer portion being disposed at a second angle of inclination from the vertical axis which is greater in absolute terms than the first angle, and the outer portion having an angle of attack less than an angle of attack of the inner portion.

2. (Original) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 1 wherein the canard forewing has from about 10% to about 40% of the area of the main wing.

3. - 7. (Canceled)

8. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in ~~claim 7~~ claim 1 wherein said first angle lies from 80° to 65°.

9. - 10. (Canceled)

11. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in ~~claim 7~~ claim 1 wherein said second angle is from 85° to 95°.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in ~~claim 7~~ claim 1 wherein said dihedral configuration has an angle of attack of from 5° to 9°.

14. - 16. (Canceled)

17. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in ~~claim 7~~ claim 1 wherein said outer ~~portions have~~ portion has an angle of attack of from 2° to 6° .

18. (Canceled)

19. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in ~~claim 7~~ claim 1 wherein said outer ~~portions have~~ portion has an angle of attack of from 4° to 4.5° .

20. (Original) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 1 wherein said canard forewing incorporates control surfaces.

21. (Original) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 1 wherein said main wing is of forward delta configuration.

22. (Original) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 1 wherein said main wing has an angle of attack of from 2° to 6° .

23. (Canceled)

24. (Original) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 1 wherein said main wing has an angle of attack of from 4° to 4.5° .

25. (Original) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 1 wherein said wing-in-ground-effect craft is amphibious, and has a planing hull.

26. (Original) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 25 wherein said main wing incorporates pontoon floats attached to opposite outer extremities thereof.

27. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 1 wherein said wing-in-ground-effect craft has a single vertical ~~stabiliser~~ stabilizer located at ~~[[the]]~~ a rear thereof of said wing-in-ground-effect craft.

28. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 27 wherein said vertical ~~stabiliser~~ stabilizer is located atop a first propulsion unit in the form of a ducted fan.

29. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 28 wherein said wing-in-ground-effect craft includes at least one rudder control surface located in ~~[[the]]~~ a flow pathway of said ducted fan.

30. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 25 wherein said wing-in-ground-effect craft ~~incorporates a spade rudder~~ is adapted for low speed control, ~~said spade rudder being disposed so as to be immersed below the water line~~ when the wing-in-ground-effect craft is afloat.

31. (Currently amended) A wing-in-ground-effect craft as claimed in claim 25 wherein said wing-in-ground-effect craft ~~includes a further propulsion unit in the form of a~~ is adapted for water propulsion ~~means extending below said hull, preferably in the form of a retractable leg~~ when the wing-in-ground-effect craft is afloat.

32. (Canceled)